

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 99-286

MAY 11, 1999

MT. BLUE STANDARD WATER DISTRICT  
Application for Approval of  
Issue of Securities (§ 902) (\$1,212,500)

ORDER

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WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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On April 29, 1999, Mt. Blue Standard Water District (District) filed with the Commission its application for authority to issue its bond in a sum not to exceed \$1,212,500 through the State Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund administered through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, at an annual rate not to exceed 0 percent. The debt will be paid over a term not to exceed 30 years. Under the disadvantaged community assistance provisions of the Revolving Loan Fund up to \$686,457.28 of the bond issue will be principal forgiveness, resulting in a principal payback of at least \$526,042.72.

The District requires these funds to construct a new water source and a new water storage reservoir as required to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Pursuant to an Amended Delegation Order dated January 9, 1996, in Docket No. 93-169, the Commission delegated to the Director of Finance its authority under 35-A M.R.S.A., Chapters 9 and 11, to approve water utility financing applications, including those that involve mortgaging utility property, for MMBB, RECD, and their successors. This delegation in no way limits the Commission's authority to review the decision of the Director of Finance pursuant thereto or to directly consider requests for variations. The Director of Finance's approval shall be in the form of an Order, copies of which shall be maintained in the files of the office of the Administrative Director.

Having reviewed the application of the District, together with data filed in support of it, it is the opinion of the Commission that the proceeds of the issuance of the bond are required in good faith for the purposes enumerated in 35-A M.R.S.A. § 901. In approving this securities issue, consistent with normal practice and pursuant to § 902(4), the Commission does not imply approval of the District's capital needs or capitalization ratio for ratemaking purposes, nor does this Order limit or restrict the powers of the Commission in determining or fixing any rate.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Amended Delegation Order dated January 9, 1996, in Docket No. 93-169, I

O R D E R

1. That Mt. Blue Standard Water District is hereby authorized to issue its bond in a sum not to exceed \$1,212,500, to be used solely for the purposes described in this Order, and at a rate not to exceed 0 percent per year through the State Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund administered through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.
2. That the District report to the Commission, in writing its doings pursuant to this Order within sixty (60) days of the date of the issue of the proposed bond, or by September 30, 1999, whichever may come first.
3. That a copy of this Order be mailed to interested parties and this Docket be closed.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 11th Day of May 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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Richard Kania  
Deputy Director of Finance